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SUBJECT: GATT/UNCTAD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

REF: A. USUN 323

B. GENEVA 348

C. GENEVA 271

D. STATE 8874

1. MISSION REGRETS THE EMERGENCE OF DIFFERENCES OF
INTERPRETATION BETWEEN US AND USUN ABOUT HOW BEST TO
PURSUE AN OBJECTIVE WE KNOW BOTH MISSIONS FULLY SUPPORT,
I.E. MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY IN THE OPERATION OF TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INVOLVING U.S. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN POSITIONS
U.S. HAS TAKEN IN DIFFERENT FORA, WHETHER IN OUR (AS IN
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CASE OF ITC) OUTSIDE OF UN. NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGE-

MENTS FOR ITC WENT INTO EFFECT IN 1973, AND EVERYONE HOPED THEY WOULD LEAD TO IMPROVED EFFICIENCY. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS NOT WORKED THAT WAY IN PRACTICE. NEAR-UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF TECHCOM AND JAG (AND IT REMAINS ONLY A RECOMMENDATION UNLESS ADOPTED BY GATT AND UNCTAD PARENT BODIES) TO REVERT TO PREVIOUS SYSTEM WAS NOT SOMETHING DONE CASUALLY BUT IN LIGHT ACCUMULATED EVIDENCE THAT THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT ACCOMPLISHED INTENDED OBJECTIVE. SEE REFS "B" AND "C" FOR DETAILS.

2. JACOBSON HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS MATTER. HE IS IN CHARGE OF FUND-RAISING FOR ITC. SANTIAPILLAI OF SRI LANKA, DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAMS OF ITC, WAS PRIME MOVER IN REQUEST FOR REVERSION TO PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. THIS MISSION HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR SANTIAPILLAI'S COMPETENCE.

3. WE HAVE POUCHED TO COMMERCE (R. SMITH), IO (R. HINES), EB/ITP (WILLIAMS AND PRICKETT), AND AID (LINSTAD) TODAY COPY OF LETTER FROM SANTIAPILLAI TO UNCTAD SECGEN DETAILING ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF UNWORKABILITY OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING ITC DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THEIR FIELD STAFF PHYSICALLY IN AND OUT OF GENEVA AT ALL.

4. U.S. REP TO JAG DID NOT TAKE POSITION CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS. AS REPORTED GENEVA 271, DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF BY JAG.BASSIN

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